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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Government aware of the fact that the recommendations of the Special Officer are far-reaching the finances that could be easily managed by the Corporation authorities? They are complaining of paucity of funds. In such a contingency will the Government come forward to their aid to increase their finances?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : It is wholly for the Corporation to decide. They should look into it. So far Government have not received any representation.

Cast iron pipes (manufacture)

* 1137 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to start a factory for the manufacture of cast iron pipes in Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when and where?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no proposal to set up a factory in the Public Sector for the manufacture of cast iron pipes in this State.

Licences have been issued to five firms in this State for setting up factories in the private sector for the manufacture of cast iron spun pipes. Details about these private firms are not available.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that our State had to depend entirely on the North Indian manufactures for the supplies of cast-from pipes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There are no cast-iron spun pipes manufacturing factories in the Madras State?

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : இந்த ஐந்து லைசன்ஸ்கள் எந்தெந்த ஜில்லாக்களிலே வழங்கப்பட்டு, எங்கெங்கே பாக்டரிகள் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட இருக்கின்றன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இரண்டு திருவற்றியூரில், ஒன்று பீளமேட்டில், ஒன்று மீன்ஜூரில், ஒன்று செங்கல்பட்டில், ஆரம்பிக்கப் போகிறார்கள்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the capacity of the proposed factories?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Three of 10,000, one of 6,000 and one of 25,000.

Madurai Mills Labour Co-operative Consumers' Society (misappropriation)

* 1138 *Q*.—SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மதுரை மில் தொழிலாளர்கள் கூட்டுறவுப் பண்டகசாலை (**Madurai Mills Labour Co-operative Consumers' Society**) யில் பணக் கையாடல் நடைபெற்றுள்ளதா ?

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(இ) எவ்வளவு காலமாக இந்தக் கையாடல் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது ?

(உ) அதுபற்றி எடுக்கப்பட்டுளள நடவடிக்கை என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (அ) It is alleged that there has been misappropriation of funds in the Co-operative Society.

(இ) & (உ) The matter is under investigation by the Police.

Agencies for Welfare Works (grants)

* 1139 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state when there is a Government Department for the welfare of women and children why the Government are giving grants to other semi-Government and voluntary agencies for welfare work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The State Government have always recognised the role which voluntary agencies have to play in Social Welfare Work, including the welfare of women and children. The Government, therefore, consider that the existence of a Government Department of Women's Welfare does not render it unnecessary to make Government grants available to such agencies.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Do the Government take any particular care to scrutinize the balance sheet or how the aid which is given to these private agencies and to some Government agencies are spent, whether they are usefully spent, whether there is no misappropriation or any other kind of discrepancy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Whenever grants are made, steps are taken to see whether they are properly utilised. From the question the hon. Member has put, I do not know whether he has got any instance in his mind where such misuse has occurred. If he brings it to the notice of the Government, it will be looked into.

State functions (religious rites)

* 1140 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

சர்க்காரால் நடத்தப்படும் விழாக்களில் மதச் சடங்குகள் செய்யக் கூடாதென சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு பிறப்பித்துள்ளார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No. Sir. It has not been found necessary to issue such instructions, because generally in official functions, rites and observances of any particular religion do not find a place.